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SUMMARY: GDR HAS PROPOSED UNACCEPTABLE COUNTER DECLARATION
IF SENAT CONTINUES TO INSIST ON ITS OWN DECLARATION AT
SIGNING CEREMONY. WE PREFER NO STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MEETING BETWEEN SENAT AND GDR NEGOTIATORS ON SPANDAU
LOCK SEPTEMBER 28, GDR STATED IT WOULD MAKE ITS OWN ORAL
DECLARATION AT TIME OF SIGNING CEREMONY IF SENAT CONTINUED
TO INSIST ON MAKING PROPOSED STATEMENT REFTEL A.

2. GERMAN TEXT OF GDR STATEMENT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

WIR BEGRUESSEN DEN HEUTE IN DER HAUPTSTADT DER DDR BERLIN
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ERFOLGTEN ABSCHLUSS DER VEREINBARUNG ZWISCHEN DEM MINISTERIUM
FUEER VERKEHR DER DDR AND DEM SENATOR FUEER BAU- AND
WOHNUNGSWESEN VON BERLIN (WEST) UEBER DEN NEUBAU EINER
SCHLEUSENKAMMER DER SCHLEUSE SPANDAU IN BERLIN (WEST).
WIR BETRACHTEN DIE ERZIELTE REGELUNG ALS EINEN SCHRITT ZUR
WEITEREN NORMALISIERUNG DER BEZIEHUNGEN ZWISCHEN DER DDR
UND WESTBERLIN. DER MINISTER FUEER VERKEHRSWESEN DER DDR

HAT DIESER ZWISCHEN UNSEREN BEIDEN SEITEN AUSGEHANDELTEN
VEREIBARUNG ZUGESTIMMT. IHR ZUSTANDERKOMMEN WAR NUR MOEGlich
AUF DER GRUNDLAGE DER ACHTUNG DER FUER DIE IN WESTBERLIN
GELEGENEN WASSERSTRASSEN UND SCHLEUSEN BESTEHENDEN RECHTE
UND ZUSTAENDIGKEITEN DER DDR. ES ZEIGT SICH ERNEUT, DASS
BEI WAHRUNG DIESER BESTEHENDEN SACH- UND RECHTSLAGE ES
MOEGlich IST, VEREINBARUNGEN ZU ERZIELEN, DIE NICHT ZULETZT
IM INTERESSE WESTBERLINS, SEINER VEVOELKERUNG UND WIRTSCHAFT
LIEGEN. DIE DDR WIRD ALLES IN IHREN KRAEFTEN STEHENDE TUN,
UM ZUR VERWIRKLICHUNG AUCH DIESER MIT SENAT ABGESCHLOS-
SENEN VEREINBARUNG BEIZUTRAGEN. END TEXT.

3. SENAT HAS ASKED US TO TELL IT BY 1330 HOURS TODAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, WHETHER WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT GDR COUNTER
STATEMENT. IF ALLIES AGREE, A SIGNING CEREMONY COULD BE
ARRANGED FOR 1030 HOURS SEPTEMBER 30 IN EAST BERLIN.

4. THE FRENCH FIND THE GDR STATEMENT UNACCEPTABLE;
WE SEE IT AS BEING OBNOXIOUS. WE COULD, HOWEVER,
AGREE TO ALLOW IT TO BE INCLUDED ALONG WITH THE SENAT
ORAL DECLARATION AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY SINCE WE WOULD
REGARD THAT IT HAS NO LEGAL EFFECT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT
WOULD REALLY GAIN US NOTHING, AND WOULD BE OBJECTIONAL TO
A VARIETY OF PEOPLE. WE PREFER ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, TO
HAVE NEITHER SIDE MADE AN ORAL DECLARATION AT THE SIGNING
CEREMONY. THE SENAT COULD, OF COURSE, ISSUE A PRESS
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STATEMENT CONTAINING THE TEXT OF ITS ORAL DECLARATION
AFTER THE SIGNING. WE CAN ASSUME THE GDR WILL DO
LIKEWISE.

5. AT MEETING WITH COMMANDANTS SEPTEMBER 29 GOVMAYOR
SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IDEA OF ORAL DECLARATIONS
DROPPED. HE DID NOT WANT TO PUT ALLIES UNDER PRESSURE HOWEVER
AND WAS THEREFORE PREPARED TO HAVE SIGNING CEREMONY
PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO PERMIT AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES
TO BE WORKED OUT.

6. WE SAW NO WAY WE COULD POSSIBLY REACH AGREEMENT ON
PROCEDURES BEFORE 1330 TODAY AND HAVE THEREFORE ADVISED
THE SENAT ACCORDINGLY. SENAT WILL SEEK TO POSTPONE NEXT
MEETING WITH GDR UNTIL NEXT WEEK. GEORGE

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